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SUBJECT : IDEA OF US SECURITY GUARANTEE FOR ISRAEL

1. COMMENTARY IN DEC. 2 HAARETZ BY MARGALIT (JOURNALIST CLOSE TO DAYAN'S THINKING IN PAST) CALLS FOR FRESH GOI LOOK AT IDEA OF A US SECURITY GUARANTEE FOR ISRAEL AND FOR REVIEW OF SUBJECT WITH US AUTHORITIES IN PREPARATION FOR GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO MARGALIT, DAYAN ON EVE OF 1967 WAR WAS APPLAUDED IN US FOR STRESSING ISRAEL DID NOT WANT HELP OF US TROOPS, BUT WHEN EBAN RETURNED FROM US VISIT IN 1970 AND STRESSED THE SAME THEME, DAYAN WAS CRITICAL OF EBAN, SAYING THAT WHAT WAS TRUE IN 1967 WAS NOT NECESSARILY VALID IN 1970 CONSIDERING GREATER SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN EGYPT. MARGALIT WRITES THAT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT NOW HAS GONE MUCH FURTHER THAN IN 1969-1970 WAR OF ATTRITION, CONSIDERING RECENT SOVIET THREATS AND SOVIET EFFORTS TO PENETRATE UNEF AND UNTSO.

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3. MARGALIT NOTES SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S CALL FOR SENATE-
CONFIRMED US-ISRAEL DEFENSE TIE AND POINTS OUT THAT SENATE
CONFIRMATION WOULD MAKE SUCH TIE BINDING ON FUTURE US
ADMINISTRATIONS AND HENCE WOULD CONSTITUTE FAR MORE MEANING-
FUL ARRANGEMENT THAN THOSE WHICH FOLLOWED 1956 WAR. MARGALIT
ADDS: "IT MAY BE SAID THAT IF THE AMERICANS MEAN PHYSICAL
AND CONCRETE GUARANTEES (AND THIS DOES NOT RULE OUT THE
POSSIBILITY THAT THE US MAY GIVE SIMILAR GUARANTEES TO SOME
OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES), THIS SHOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON
THE SECURE BORDERS THAT ISRAEL DEMANDS FOR HER SELF-DEFENSE
AGAINST EGYPT."
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